

Middleburg
Near Huger
Berkeley County
South Carolina

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MIDDLEBURG
Near Huger, Berkeley County, South Carolina

Owner: Mrs. Edward Dingle

Date of erection: 1699

Present condition: Good

Builder-Owner: Benjamin Simons

Description:

Frame; two stories; hipped roof; center chimney; sheds across front and rear, containing porches and porch rooms; fenestration irregular; two doors to porches, each side main house; sash 9/9 lights. The interior contains some good late woodwork and probably some original sheathed and cleated partitions.

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"Middleburg"
Huger Vicinity
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Historical Data:

Benjamin Simons, a Huguenot immigrant built his house, "Middleburg", in time for the fifth of his fourteen children to be born there in the spring of 1699. It is probably the oldest wooden house in South Carolina and has never been out of the possession of some descendant of Benjamin Simons. The northern end of the house appears to be an addition; the principal rooms downstairs were redecorated in 1800. Otherwise, the house is much as the builder left it.

"Middleburg" has a formal garden directly in the rear of the house, now full of old exotics, among them a splendid alley of *Camellia japonicas*.

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